Self-Help Guide

Canvas: Assess and Grade Student Work

This self-help guide walks you through the process of planning, creating, and using methods of assessment and evaluation in Canvas.

Plan Assessment

Understand Assessment Options

Understand Formative and Summative Assessment

What is the Difference Between Formative and Summative Assessment?
https://www.cmu.edu/teaching/assessment/basics/formative-summative.html

Understand Canvas Assessment Tools

What are Assignments?
Assignments Overview (video)
https://community.canvaslms.com/t5/Video-Guide/Assignments-Overview-Instructors...
Understand Quiz Types
https://community.canvaslms.com/t5/Instructor-Guide/What-quiz-types-can-I-creat...
Understand Classic Quizzes vs. New Quizzes
/services-technologies/how-tos/canvas-understand-classic-quizzes-vs-new
Understand Discussions (video)
https://community.canvaslms.com/t5/Video-Guide/Discussions-Overview-Instructors...

**Understand Collaboration Tools in Canvas**

Overview of Google Drive Integrations
/services-technologies/how-tos/canvas-overview-google-drive
Use Groups for Collaboration
/services-technologies/self-help-guides/canvas-use-groups-collaboration

**Get Assistance Choosing Assessment Options**

**Get In-Person Help**

Find Your College Contact
https://it.umn.edu/canvas-transition-information-find-your

**Get Help Online**

24/7 Canvas Support
/technology-help-our-staff
Email Canvas Support
canvas@umn.edu

**Build Assignments**

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**Understand the Assignment Tool**

Understand Assignments
https://community.canvaslms.com/t5/Canvas-Basics-Guide/What-are-Assignments/ta-...
Assignments Overview (video)
https://community.canvaslms.com/t5/Video-Guide/Assignments-Overview-Instructors...
Understand How to Use the Assignments Index Page

https://community.canvaslms.com/t5/Instructor-Guide/How-do-I-use-the
Assignment...

**Create Assignments**

Create an assignment

https://community.canvaslms.com/t5/Instructor-Guide/How-do-I-create-an-
assignme...

Add or Edit Details in an Assignment

https://community.canvaslms.com/t5/Instructor-Guide/How-do-I-add-or-edit-detail...

Create a Non-Submission (Offline) Assignment

https://community.canvaslms.com/t5/Instructor-Guide/How-do-I-create-assignment-
...

Create an Assignment Shell from the Calendar

https://community.canvaslms.com/t5/Instructor-Guide/How-do-I-add-an-assignment-
...

Assign an Assignment to an Individual Student

https://community.canvaslms.com/t5/Instructor-Guide/How-do-I-assign-an-
assignme...

Add or Edit Points for an Assignment

https://community.canvaslms.com/t5/Instructor-Guide/How-do-I-add-or-edit-points...

Duplicate an Assignment

https://community.canvaslms.com/t5/Instructor-Guide/How-do-I-duplicate-an-assig...

Delete an Assignment

https://community.canvaslms.com/t5/Instructor-Guide/How-do-I-delete-an-
assignme...

Give Extra Credit

https://community.canvaslms.com/t5/Instructor-Guide/How-do-I-give-extra-credit-
...

**Add Assignments with External Apps**

Add an Assignment Using an External App (Voicethread, YouTube, etc.)

https://community.canvaslms.com/t5/Instructor-Guide/How-do-I-add-an-assignment-
...

Import SCORM Files as an Assignment

https://community.canvaslms.com/t5/Instructor-Guide/How-do-I-import-SCORM-
files...
Create a Google Cloud Assignment
https://community.canvaslms.com/t5/Instructor-Guide/How-do-I-create-a-cloud-ass...

Set Up Peer Reviewed Assignments
Use Peer Review Assignments
https://community.canvaslms.com/t5/Instructor-Guide/How-do-I-use-peer-review-as...
Create a Peer Review Assignment
https://community.canvaslms.com/t5/Instructor-Guide/How-do-I-create-a-peer-revi...
Manually Assign Peer Reviews for an Assignment
https://community.canvaslms.com/t5/Instructor-Guide/How-do-I-manually-assign-pe...
Automatically Assign Peer Reviews for an Assignment
https://community.canvaslms.com/t5/Instructor-Guide/How-do-I-automatically-assi...

Use Turnitin with Assignments
Learn about Canvas/Turnitin integration
/services-technologies/how-tos/canvas-turnitin-overview
Turnitin Instructor Guide
https://help.turnitin.com/feedback-studio/canvas/lti/instructor/instructor-cate...
Turnitin Student Guide
/services-technologies/how-tos/canvas-students-turnitin-guide

Build Discussions

Understand the Discussion Tool
Overview of Discussions (video)
https://community.canvaslms.com/t5/Video-Guide/Discussions-Overview-Instructors...

Create Discussions
Create a Discussion as an Instructor
https://community.canvaslms.com/t5/Instructor-Guide/How-do-I-create-a-discussio...
Duplicate a Discussion in a Course
Delete a Discussion in a Course
https://community.canvaslms.com/t5/Instructor-Guide/How-do-I-duplicate-a-discus...
Create a Group Discussion in a Course
https://community.canvaslms.com/t5/Instructor-Guide/How-do-I-delete-a-discussio...
Assign a Graded Discussion to an Individual Student
https://community.canvaslms.com/t5/Instructor-Guide/How-do-I-create-a-group-dis...
Assign a Graded Discussion to a Course Group
https://community.canvaslms.com/t5/Instructor-Guide/How-do-I-assign-a-graded-di...
Assign a Graded Discussion to a Course Section
https://community.canvaslms.com/t5/Instructor-Guide/How-do-I-assign-a-graded-di...

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Understand Quiz Options
https://community.canvaslms.com/t5/Instructor-Guide/What-options-can-I-set-in-a...
Understand the Survey Tool within Quizzes
https://community.canvaslms.com/t5/Instructor-Guide/How-do-I-create-a-survey-in...

Create a Question Bank

Create a Question Bank in a Course
Bookmark a Question Bank in a Course
https://community.canvaslms.com/t5/Instructor-Guide/How-do-I-bookmark-a-questio...
Unbookmark a Question Bank in a Course
Create Quizzes

Create a Quiz with Individual Questions
https://community.canvaslms.com/t5/Instructor-Guide/How-do-I-create-a-quiz-with...
Create a Quiz Where Students Only See One Question at a Time
https://community.canvaslms.com/t5/Instructor-Guide/How-can-I-create-a-quiz-whe...
Create a Quiz with a Question Group to Randomize Quiz Questions
https://community.canvaslms.com/t5/Instructor-Guide/How-do-I-create-a-quiz-with...
Create a Quiz by Finding Questions in a Question Bank
https://community.canvaslms.com/t5/Instructor-Guide/How-do-I-create-a-quiz-by-f...
Create a Quiz with a Question Group Linked to a Question Bank
https://community.canvaslms.com/t5/Instructor-Guide/How-do-I-create-a-quiz-with...
Edit a Quiz Question that is from a Quiz Bank
/services-technologies/how-tos/canvas-edit-quiz-questions
Link Course Content to a Quiz Question
https://community.canvaslms.com/t5/Instructor-Guide/How-do-I-link-course-conten...
Reorder Questions or Question Groups in a Quiz
https://community.canvaslms.com/t5/Instructor-Guide/How-do-I-reorder-questions...

Manage Quizzes

Use the Moderate Quiz page
https://community.canvaslms.com/t5/Instructor-Guide/Once-I-publish-a-quiz-how-d...
Make a Quiz Available Before or After the Due Date
Assign a Quiz to an Individual Student
Assign a Quiz to a Course Section
Delete a Quiz
Export Quiz Content from a Course
Make Additional Changes on a Published Quiz
Give Students Extra Attempts on a Quiz
Give Students Extra Time on a Quiz
Manually Submit Outstanding Student Quiz Submissions

Create Rubrics to Use with Assessments

Build Rubrics
Add a Rubric to a Course
Add a Rubric to an Assignment
Add a Rubric to a Graded Discussion
Manage Rubrics

Organize Assessments

Create Assignment Groups
Create Assignment Groups
Manage Your Assignment Groups

Weight Grades in a Course
https://community.canvaslms.com/t5/Instructor-Guide/How-do-I-weight-the-final-c...

Set up Rules for Assignment Groups (Drop Lowest/Keep Highest)
https://community.canvaslms.com/t5/Instructor-Guide/How-do-I-create-rules-for-a...

Exclude an Assignment from the Course's Final Grade
https://community.canvaslms.com/t5/Instructor-Guide/How-do-I-exclude-an-assignm...

View Differentiated Assignments with Different Due Dates in a Course
https://community.canvaslms.com/t5/Instructor-Guide/How-do-I-view-differentiate...

Evaluate Student Progress

Grade Student Work

Understand SpeedGrader

Understand What SpeedGrader Is
https://community.canvaslms.com/t5/Canvas-Basics-Guide/What-is-SpeedGrader/ta-p...

Use SpeedGrader

Use SpeedGrader
https://community.canvaslms.com/t5/Instructor-Guide/How-do-I-use-SpeedGrader/ta...

Get to SpeedGrader
https://community.canvaslms.com/t5/Instructor-Guide/How-do-I-get-to-SpeedGrader...

Hide or Post Assignment Grades in SpeedGrader
Sort the Student List in SpeedGrader
Use a Rubric in to Grade Submissions in SpeedGrader
Enter/Edit Student Grades in SpeedGrader
Handle Assignment Resubmissions
Grade on a Curve
Exclude an Assignment from the Final Grade

**Monitor Quizzes**

View Student Results in a Quiz
Understand Available Quiz Statistics
View a Quiz Log for a Student
Regrade a Quiz in a Course
View Survey Results in a Course
View Practice Quiz Results in a Course

**Manage TA Grading**

Set up a Moderated Assignment to Be Graded by Multiple Reviewers
Review Moderated Assignments in Speedgrader as a Moderator
Use the Gradebook

Understand the Gradebook

Introduction to Gradebook (video; 3:26)
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=brhz_dnYfec&feature=youtu.be
Use the Gradebook

Use Grade Posting and Submission

Understand Grade Posting Policies (Video; 2:44)
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=un4jnMRSk9c
Select a Grade Posting Policy for a Course
https://community.canvaslms.com/t5/Instructor-Guide/How-do-I-select-a-grade-pos...
Select a Grade Posting Policy for an Individual Assignment
https://community.canvaslms.com/t5/Instructor-Guide/How-do-I-select-a-grade-pos...
Apply a Missing Submission Policy
https://community.canvaslms.com/t5/Instructor-Guide/How-do-I-apply-a-Missing-Su...
Apply a Late Submission Policy
https://community.canvaslms.com/t5/Instructor-Guide/How-do-I-apply-a-Late-Submi...

Work in the Gradebook

Get to Speedgrader from the Gradebook
https://community.canvaslms.com/t5/Instructor-Guide/How-do-I-get-to-SpeedGrader...
Enter and Edit Grades in the Gradebook
https://community.canvaslms.com/t5/Instructor-Guide/How-do-I-enter-and-edit-gra...
Send a Message to Students from the Gradebook
Curve Grades in the Gradebook

Hide Grades That Were Previously Posted in the Gradebook

Excuse a Student from an Assignment

Exclude an Assignment from the Final Grade

Download Student Submissions from the Gradebook

Upload Student Submissions in the Gradebook

Import Grades into the Gradebook

Export Grades from the Gradebook

Filter and Sort in the New Gradebook

Use the Icons and Colors in the Gradebook

Sort and Display Student Data in the Gradebook

Sort an Individual Assignment Column in the Gradebook

Arrange Columns in the Gradebook

Use the Notes Column in the Gradebook

View a Student's Grades Page in a Course from the Gradebook

View the History of All Grading Changes in the Gradebook
Get Final Grades to PeopleSoft

Prepare and Submit Final Grades to Faculty Center/PeopleSoft
https://it.umn.edu/services-technologies/self-help-guides/canvas-prepare-submit...

Take Attendance

Understand Roll Call

Use the Roll Call Tool

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Edit a Roll Call Attendance Assignment
https://community.canvaslms.com/t5/Instructor-Guide/How-do-I-edit-the-Roll-Call...
Run Roll Call Reports
https://community.canvaslms.com/t5/Instructor-Guide/How-do-I-run-Roll-Call-Atte...

Analyze Student Progress

Use Analytics

View Course Analytics
https://community.canvaslms.com/t5/Instructor-Guide/How-do-I-view-Course-Analyt...
View Analytics for a Student in a Course
https://community.canvaslms.com/t5/Instructor-Guide/How-do-I-view-analytics-for...